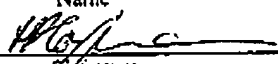


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Several of the listed references have been recited in the background description of the present invention. The additional references disclose the state of the art relating to the invention.

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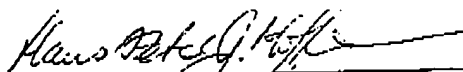
Applicant believes that the claimed frozen stable immunogen composition is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art ^{set} forth above.

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